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What Do We Do Now?

The United States has learned another bitter lesson the hard way!

Just a few short days ago the hopes of the free world soared high as anti-Castro forces stormed ashore in Cuba to deliver the country from the iron yoke of Communism.

But the hopes vanished within hours. Again, we had underestimated the Communists.

Although there were all sorts of denials at first, it now is quite evident our government, through the Central Intelligence Agency, played a key role in the invasion effort.

We had been led to believe thousands of Cubans would revolt inside the country and the time was ripe to strike for success.

Our reports were drastically wrong.

Red-made guns, tanks and planes were thrown into the fray and the beachhead battles quickly won. Yet this did not doom the invasion.

It was Castro's master plan to roundup all Cubans who might trigger revolt which broke the back of the invasion. Within hours after the first attack, police had arrested 50,000 persons and herded them into concentration camps.

The hand of Russia is plainly visible in this maneuver.

Castro is being guided and dictated to by Soviet experts in the art of subversive warfare.

The masters of deceit did their work well.

Think back, just a moment, to the days of Batista. He built a strong police state. But it was not strong enough to block the Castro-led rebels from seizing power because the Cubans revolted to aid Castro.

This time there was no revolt. Castro and his Russian henchmen took the steps necessary to prevent a recurrence of Batista's downfall.

So what do we do now?

Our Central Intelligence Agency goofed. It was a costly fiasco which has held the United States up to scorn in the eyes of much of the world.

As we said, the United States has learned another bitter lesson. We hope the lesson made sufficient impression never to underestimate the Communists again.